



## Village of Milligan Saves a 1923 Storefront in Downtown

The Village of Milligan's city hall and the library were sharing the same building. Space was tight as you had to move the table and chairs to get to the shelves that housed the books. They wanted to improve the downtown area and decided to renovate an old drug store on Main Street. The store was in disrepair but had the space to accommodate both the city hall and library comfortably.



*New library and city hall on main street.*

USDA Rural Development provided grant funds of \$50,000 combined with \$85,000 from The Friends of the Library and a Village donation of \$73,000 that completed needed renovations.

With more space, they were able to order new books, and were able to provide computers for the public to use which included the school age kids to complete their research. There is a children's craft area that meets weekly along with a crocheting group. More groups have the opportunity to utilize the facility.

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**Obligation Amount:** \$50,000 Grant

**Date of Obligation:** May 15, 2015

**Congressional District:** Smith 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse

**Partners:** Friends of the Library and the Village of Milligan

**Demographics:** Village of Milligan has a population of 285.

**Impact:** Improved the Main Street of Milligan that serves the residents with a functional amount of space to house the city hall and library.

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